

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 13th 1999

North Dublin Radio Club AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the North Dublin Radio Club was held at the club premises on Saturday May the 30th. The outgoing committee reported on the past years activities including VHF Field Day, Tall Ships special event station, Club excursion to the Llandudno Rally, Construction projects and the monthly members draw. The following committee were elected for the coming year: Chairman - Tony Fay EI6EQB; Vice Chairman - Philip Murphy EI8HN; Secretary - Dermot Madsen EI4ESB; PRO - Joe Dillon EI4FV; Station manager - Jim Gallagher EI8GZ; Projects Manager - Brendan Kelly EI8EPB;

The Willie Barron memorial trophy for this year has been awarded to Tom Fay EI6K for introducing and managing the Club's monthly members draw which has been very successful over the past 8 months in boosting club funds. Tom has also been appointed licence holder for the club callsign EI0NDR. Club members Tony EI5EM and Tony EI6EQB were congratulated for the awards received for their construction projects at the recent IRTS AGM. The North Dublin Radio Club is located on the ground floor of Chanel College in Coolock Village and remains open during the summer months. Visitors are always welcome to the weekly meetings on Saturday nights. The club is on the air on both HF and VHF with an FT101Z into a full size G5RV on HF and a Yaesu FT221 into a vertical and horizontal rotateable beam on 2 metres. The club also maintains a very comprehensive library for use by members.

CW Field Day

For a change, both propagation and weather conditions were excellent for the CW field day held over last weekend. The East Cork Group EI7M entered the open section from a site in Carrigtwohill and used a tribander at 50 feet plus a remotely tuned centre fed wire for the low bands. They were very happy with a QSO total in excess of 1000. Joe EI7GY entered the contest on his own, operating from the shores of Lough Boderg, in County Leitrim. He ran QRP for the duration and used a 'gel cell' for power. Despite the low power used, he was able to confirm the adage: "if you can hear them, you can work them". The weather was excellent and he found band conditions a good deal better than last year.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

We wish success to all the candidates who will be sitting the theory and Morse examinations in the Railway Hotel in Kiltimagh on Tuesday next at 2 p.m. Classes have been run by the Mayo Group over recent months.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Dundalk Amateur Society will take place on Tuesday next June the 15th at 8pm in the Society's premises, Marconi House, 113 Castletown Road in Dundalk. All members are requested to attend this meeting where the main items on the agenda will be the election of officers.

Cork Radio Club

The Cork Radio Club annual rally will be held this year on Sunday September the 19th in the Blarney Park Hotel in Blarney near Cork City. This is the Sunday between the hurling and football All Ireland finals. Enquiries about the rally should be directed to Con EI7DJB QTHR or on the telephone at 021-270136

Arranmore Island Operation

Members of the Tir Conaill Amateur Radio Society operated from Arranmore Island over the bank holiday weekend and used the special callsign EJ0X to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the club's first visit to the island. Those who travelled included Danny EI6GS, Ken EI4DW, Martin EI8GP, Mickey EI6HY, John EI7IQ and Kevin EI7IM. Three stations were on the air for most of the time and lots of DX was worked. Danny EI6GS read the news in Irish from the island.

Worked All Ireland

Declan EI9HQ and Paddy EI7GK travelled to Kilmore Quay on Saturday last in an attempt to activate the Saltee Islands. Unfortunately, while they made the trip on the ferry, the skipper deemed conditions too rough for a landing on the island. There is no landing stage and personnel and equipment have to be transferred to a small boat for the trip ashore. Declan hopes to have another go at getting on the island in the near future.

Looking ahead

The annual Lug Walk takes place on Saturday next the 19th and amateurs from the Dublin area will be providing emergency communications for the event. The All Asian DX CW and the RSGB Top Band CW Contests are both on Saturday next the 19th. The Practical Wireless QRP 2 Metres Contest takes place on Sunday next, the 20th and runs from 0900utc to 1600utc. The BARTG RTTY sprint takes place on the 26th and 27th

The Donegal Rally will be held on Sunday June 27th in Jackson's Hotel in Ballybofey. Enquiries to Gerry EI8HO on 072-52598.

Input for the radio news should be sent to Dave EI4BZ at 021-883555 in the evenings only.

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